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No. 449. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 3rd April 1877, No. 1,488.

Read the following letter from Lieutenant-Colonel R. H. BEDDOME, Conservator of Forests, to the Hon. D. F. SARGENT, Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, dated Rajamundry, 22nd February 1877, No. 1,653.

In forwarding herewith a letter from the Deputy Conservator of Forests, North Coimbatore Division, dated the 2nd ultimo, No. 596, together with its enclosure.

- * I have the honor to report that Mr. Ranger Taylor advanced to one Matha Chetty a sum of Rupees 310 on the 1st December 1873 and 8th January 1874, against which the Contractor has only executed work by conveying jungle to the depot at Collegal to the extent of Rupees 73-10-0, thus leaving a balance of Rupees 236-6-0 undistributed in the accounts.
2. Mr. Ranger Taylor was afterwards transferred to the Tinnevely District, and he delivered over charge of the Collegal Range to Appavoo Moodelly, another Ranger, who arrived from the Annamally Forest. The latter, in assuming charge, omitted to examine the outstanding advances remaining to be recovered from the Contractor in the presence of Mr. Ranger Taylor, but subsequently reported the circumstance to the Deputy Conservator, after he (Mr. Taylor) had left the district to join his new station.
3. Mr. Ranger Taylor was not justified in making an advance of Rupees 200 on the 1st December 1873, and a further advance of Rupees 110 on the 8th January following, when he knew perfectly well that the first advance was not worked out. Mr. Taylor was also not justified in making any advance at all without having previously taken tangible security from Matha Chetty for the due fulfilment of his contract.
4. Mr. Morgan, the Deputy Conservator, brought this matter to my notice on the 7th April 1876, when he requested that the case may be laid before Government and the amount asked to be written off to "Profit and Loss." Not having been then furnished with full details, I addressed two letters to that officer, respectively dated the 1st May 1876, No. 629, and 17th November following, No. 1,332.
5. From the papers since received, I find that Matha Chetty, the Contractor, became a defaulter on the 2nd February 1874; that he was subsequently criminally prosecuted for breach

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1 of Letter, No. 643, dated 4th March 1876, from the Deputy Conservator to Mr. Hayne.
1 of Letter, No. 162, dated 6th April 1876, from Overseer Appavoo Moodelly to the Deputy Conservator.
1 of Letter, No. 162, dated 13th June 1876, from the Deputy Conservator to Deputy Conservator, South Coimbatore Division.
1 of Letter, No. 163, dated 13th June 1876, from the Deputy Conservator to Mr. Ranger Taylor.
1 of Letter, No. 61, dated 22nd June 1876, from Mr. Ranger Taylor to the Deputy Conservator.
1 of Memorandum No. 542, dated 24th December 1876, from the Deputy Conservator to the Ranger Appavoo Moodelly.
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of contract, and sentenced to eight days' imprisonment; and that he possesses no property, so that nothing would be gained by a civil action against him.

6. There was evidently extraordinary delay on the part of the Deputy Conservator and the Forest Rangers in reporting the facts of this case to the head of the Department. As it is represented that the Contractor in question had been in the habit of regularly receiving advances and working them off; that some misfortune occurred to his cattle; and that he is now a pauper; I beg, under above circumstances, to suggest that Government will be pleased to order the irrecoverable sum of Rupees 236-6-0 being written off as *Profit and Loss*.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From R. W. MORGAN, Esq., Deputy Conservator of Forests, North Coimbatore Division, to Colonel R. H. BEDDOME, Conservator of Forests, Madras, dated 31st December 1876, No. 596.

In reply to your letter No. 1,332, dated 17th November 1876, I have the honor to furnish you with such particulars as are available from the records of my office.

2. *Query 1.*—On the 1st December 1873, Rupees 100 were advanced to one Gratha Chetty by Mr. Overseer Taylor while in Collegal Range for carriage of Sandalwood from the jungle to the depôt at Collegal. Again, Rupees 110 he advanced to him on the 8th January 1874 for the same purpose, but took no security whatever for the due fulfilment of the contract he entered into. A translation in English of the Karar and two receipts written in Canarese and signed by the Contractor accompanies this letter.

Balance due on the 1st December 1873, out of the previous advances...	R.	A.	P.
Advances made to him on the 1st December 1873 and on 8th January 1874—vide paragraph 2 supra	20	6	0
Total	30	6	0

3. *Query 2.*—Against which the quantity and value of work done by the Contractor is as follows:—

On the 19th December 1873, 154½ Maunds of Sandalwood roots were brought from Bylore jungle to Collegal at 4 Annas each	38	10	0
On the 8th January 1874, 41½ Maunds do. do.	10	6	0
On the 1st February „ 90 do. of Sandalwood from Madrisweram hills to Collegal at 8 As. each	45	0	0

Balance remaining unadjusted	91	0	0
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7. *Paragraph 3.*—I beg to forward herewith copies* of all correspondence bearing on this case as requested. I have already informed you that the Contractor was criminally prosecuted for breach of contract and sentenced to eight days' imprisonment, and that he possesses no property so that we cannot realize the debt by a Civil action against him, it is therefore irrecoverable and requires to be written off to "Profit and Loss."

From the Overseer No. 5, dated 4th April 1874.	
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TRANSFERRED to the Board of Revenue.

(Signed) H. B. GRIGG,

Under Secretary, R. D.

ENCLOSURE No. 2.—Copies of Correspondence.

In the circumstances of the case, the Board see no objection to the Conservator's proposal.
(True Copies and Extract.)

(Signed) H. E. STOKES,
Secretary.

No. 450. ORDER THEREON, 19th April 1877, No. 1,476.

Forests, No. 5.

SANCTIONED. The Government note the delay which has occurred in this case.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) D. F. CARMICHAEL,
Offg. Chief Secretary.

To the Board of Revenue
the Accountant-General.
the Conservator of Forests.

End: W. H. French and A. F. Goodall.

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8. Paragraph 4.—Owing to the preparation of the annual report and accounts, Budget estimate, and other various important returns and reports, and owing to references having been made to records of three years back since there is no index to letters received and sent, delay unavoidably occurred. In the present case the Collegal ranger was directed to return Mr. Taylor's explanation sent to him in original for information, and to state the quantity of work done by this particular Contractor and the date of his having become a defaulter. The information furnished by him only reached me on the 26th instant, and he reports as the cause of the delay that he and his clerk were, and are yet, suffering from ague and fever.

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(Signed) H. B. GRIGG,
Acting Under Secretary, R. D.

27th February 1877.

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Secretary.

To the Conservator of Forests.
Copies to the Collector of Coimbatore.
to the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.

Exd. W. H. French.

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Board of Directors,

MADRAS.

Процеду́рас, 3rd April 1877, No. 1,488.

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Received 17 April 1977

APRIL.
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advance—of Rupees 310 made to Contractor Matha Chetty for conveying Sandalwood from jungle to depot at Collegal.—Stating that Board of Revenue see no objection to the proposal of Conservator of Forests to write off the "Profit and Loss" irrecoverable portion of Rs. 1000.

Section 1476 Order The full index -

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